

REMARKS

By this Amendment, claims 1-29 are now pending with claims 1-15 amended, and with claims 16-29 added. No new matter is introduced (see, e.g., Specification, as published, paragraphs [0025], [0028], [0030], [0031], and FIGs. 1-4). Reconsideration in view of the above amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

Applicants wish to thank Examiner Lezak for extending the courtesy of a personal interview with Applicants' undersigned attorney on December 13, 2004. Although no agreement was reached, the amended claims, as substantially presented herewith, were distinguished over the applied references.

Specifically, during the interview the amended claims, as substantially presented herewith, were distinguished over the primary applied reference, *Hollenberg* (USP 5,694,335), wherein *Hollenberg* is silent with respect to specific means to "analyze the unauthorized communications access attempt, and determine a responsive action to the unauthorized communications access attempt, including sending a mechanism for determining a source of the unauthorized communications access attempt in a response to the unauthorized communications access attempt," as recited in independent claims 1, and 8, as amended. As recognized by the Examiner during the interview, *Hollenberg* is concerned with an unauthorized physical access attempt, as compared to unauthorized **communications** access attempt into the monitored communications network as recited in independent claims 1, and 8, as amended. Accordingly, amended independent claims 1, and 8 patentably distinguish over *Hollenberg*.

The Examiner further indicated that amending the independent claims to include subject matter from new claims 17 and 20 would further distinguish *Hollenberg*. However, Applicants submit that the noted features recited in independent claims 1, and 8, as amended, already distinguish *Hollenberg* and accordingly claims 17 and 20 will be maintained in dependent form. Applicants', however, will consider all subject matter deemed allowable for expediting the prosecution of the present case.

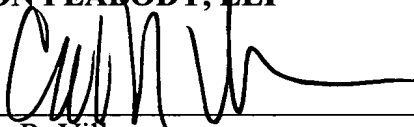
Dependent claims 2-7, and 9-29 are allowable over *Hollenberg* on their on merits, and for at least the reasons advanced with respect to independent claims 1, and 8, as amended.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested. If, however, the Examiner

deems that any issues remain after considering this response, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney to expedite the prosecution and engage in a joint effort to work out a mutually satisfactory solution.

Respectfully submitted,

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